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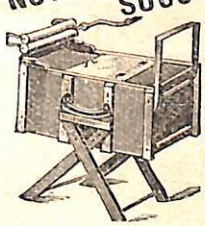

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PRESENTATION OF THE LAMBSKIN SOUTH, WEST AND EAST.

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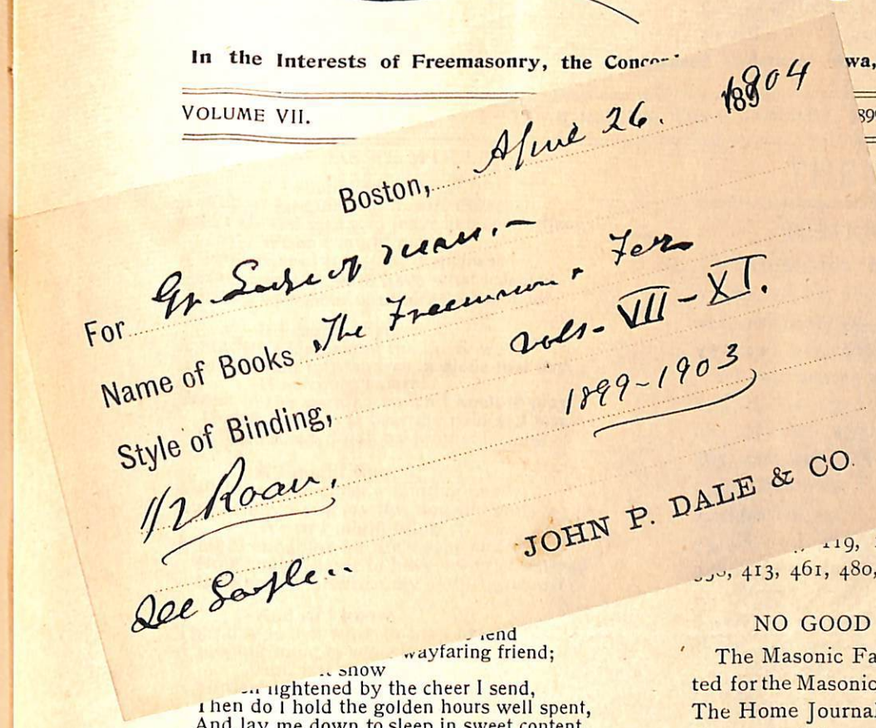
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"AS YE WOULD."

If I should see
A brother languishing in sore distress,
And I should turn and leave him comfortless,
When I might be
A messenger of hope and happiness—
How could I ask to have what I denied
In my own hour of bitterness supplied?

If I might share
A brother's load along the dusty way,
And I should turn and walk alone that day,
How could I dare,
When in the evening watch I knelt to pray,
To ask for help to bear my pain and loss
If I had heeded not my brother's cross?

If I might sing
A little song to cheer a fainting heart,
And I should seal my lips and sit apart,
When I might bring
A bit of sunshine for life's ache and smart,
How could I hope to have my grief relieved
If I kept silent when my brother grieved?

And so I know
That day is lost wherein I fail to lend
A helping hand to some wayfaring friend;
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for either to advertise their willingness to assure profanes that they can do for him any more than any other equal body of the Craft. We have never seen, anywhere, a state of things so complicated but what "at the altar of the Lodge our rights and benefits were perfectly secure," and that no matter how diverse, or even antagonistic personal relations might be, or seem to be, we have no right to utter a word or give a sign that would reflect upon the dignity or honor of the Lodge to which we did not belong. This disquisition might easily be enlarged to apply to bodies of the "additional" or even the "luxurious" degrees, but, let this much suffice for us to "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest."

At Marcus, Dec. 1, we found evidences of growth and progress.

Le Mars, passing Dec. 2, we found alive and well. Bro. Tom Adamson reported sick, but we hope not seriously.

The Craft in Marion continues to prosper.

At Shenandoah the Lodge shows evidence of life.

Trojan Lodge held a public installation of their officers Dec. 31, 1898, with a large attendance at the banquet and most interesting exercises.

From our venerable and respected Grand Secretary Parvin we have a treasured Christmas memento, for which he has our thanks. Long life to you, great man.

The following officers will serve the Lodge at Harlan for 1899:

W. F. Cleveland—W. M.
H. E. Swain—Senior W.
W. E. Cooper—Junior W.
George Walters—Treasurer.
W. B. Rowland—Secretary.

A gavel made from a magnolia tree planted by George Washington, was presented to Mosaic Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Dubuque, by Senator Allison, who is a member of that body.

Craftsmen all over Iowa will be sorry to learn of the great loss by fire that befel the Masonic bodies at Perry, in November last.

At the regular meeting of Crescent Lodge No. 25, A. F. & A. M., last evening, Dec. 26, '98, the following officers were installed:

W. M.—Martin Evans.
S. W.—C. B. Whelpley.
J. W.—Hugh Ross.
Treasurer—J. W. Henderson.
Secretary—A. L. Sylvester.
S. D.—V. Drahos.
J. D.—J. W. Griffith.
S. S.—Taylor Carpenter.
J. S.—J. B. Miller.
Tyler—Z. Farr.
Finance Committee—William Elsom, W. W. Hamilton and G. M. Johnson.

ALD. HUSTON HONORED.

PRESENTED WITH A PAST MASTER'S JEWEL BY HIS LODGE.

Alderman Charles D. Huston, Worshipful Master of Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 263, A. F. & A. M., was last evening the recipient of a signal honor, the first of the kind ever conferred in this city, when he was presented with a beautiful past master's jewel, upon the occasion of his third installation into the chair of worshipful master.

The matter was quietly arranged by the members of Mt. Hermon Lodge, and was a complete surprise to the recipient of the splendid gift, which was presented by Dr. C. H. Cogswell, acting grand master. The jewel is of solid gold and handsomely engraved. Dr. Cogswell made the presentation in a most pleasing little address, and the response was none the less hearty, although somewhat shaky in some of the lines.

E. E. Clark acted as grand marshal and Past Master Cogswell as installing officer, the following officers being installed:

Worshipful Master—Chas. D. Huston.
Senior Warden—E. O. Edson.
Junior Warden—Chas. H. Campbell.
Treasurer—H. C. Waite.
Secretary—T. Will Runkle.
Senior Deacon—Duncan McDougal.
Junior Deacon—Thomas Dunlap.
Senior Steward—Charles Steward.

Mr. Waite enters upon his twenty-third term as treasurer of this lodge.—*Gazette.*

The Freemason of London closes a synopsis of the progress of the order of the temple in the United States with these very significant words. "Such progress is, to say the least, astounding."

The several local St. Louis Masonic bodies in turn hold Sunday services at the Missouri Masonic Home, thus giving the members an opportunity to become well acquainted with the institution and its inmates.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

IS THIS YOUR WORK?

Ever since the "glorious work of rebuilding the house of the Lord" was impeded by the mistake of the ignorant young Craftsman, who imagined that it was easier for him to carry up a piece of work found among the rubbish, and palm it off as his own, than to labor in the quarries on "true work," it has, or ought to have stood, for a lasting lesson never again to be guilty of a like offence. Yet, we often meet with suggestive incidents where "Mark Masters" who have been "exalted" do similarly careless and unwarranted "heaving over" of work on which "no less depends than the completion of the Arch" itself. No Companion, nor a whole chapter of them, is warranted in such culpable neglect as to throw a large number of industrious Companions into the idleness of suspension or non-affiliation. To ask the question at the head of this article is to call up a vivid and personal experience in one's Masonic advancement. How can a Royal Arch Mason so far forget this fact as to lend himself for selfish or mercenary reasons to demolish the fair record of a Chapter; yet this has been done—done in the midst of offered material for prosperous work and it is wrong that such should ever have occurred. Well may any Companion for a moment turn his eye inwardly and ask himself this important question,—Is this your work?

CHAPTER CHAT.

The Grand High Priest wants more attention given to his department. Companions, wake up, we publish all we can get in this department.

The following are the officers in the Chapter at Harlan for 1899:

Arley V. Parker—H. P.
James W. Bailey—King.
C. D. Booth—Scribe.
George Walters—Treasurer.
L. M. Kerr—Recorder.

We were sorry to hear that the Chapter at Shenandoah felt compelled to surrender its charter, which it did a few months ago. Other Chapters might well profit by the experiences which led to this step.

Since affiliation in both Lodge and Chapter is essential to standing in the Commanderies hereafter, Companions will do well to shove in those "moss covered" demits.

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF IOWA.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

HARLAN, IOWA, Dec. 15, 1898.

To the High Priest, Officers and Members of the Subordinate Chapters of Iowa Companions:

At the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa, held at Spirit Lake in July, 1897, the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made report recommending that Section 210 of the Laws of the Grand Chapter be repealed; that this repeal should be construed to likewise repeal the action taken by this Grand Chapter at its convocation in 1878, found on page 23, Proceedings of that year (1878) wherein the Grand Chapter assumed control over, and the right to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master within the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons. The intent and spirit of the recommendations were that the State of Iowa should be as unoccupied territory for the institution of Councils, as at first, and that Councils of Royal and Select Masters might be organized by the General Grand Council of the United States in this Jurisdiction. Action was deferred upon this proposed legislation until the next annual convocation, which was held in August, 1898, at Burlington, at which time the proposed change in our laws was adopted with the following amendment:

"This repeal to take effect March 1st, 1899, during which time Subordinate Chapters shall be authorized to confer the Cryptic degrees."

I therefore desire to call your attention to the fact that, after March 1st, 1899, the Subordinate Chapters of Iowa will have no further control over the Council degrees, nor any authority to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master upon their members; that thereafter these degrees can only be conferred in Iowa in regular Councils of Royal and Select Masters, working under the authority of a Dispensation or Warrant from the General Grand Council of Royal and select Masters of the United States of America.

The large number of letters of inquiry received would seem to indicate that quite a number of Councils will be organized in Iowa as soon as possible, to preserve and keep alive these really beautiful and important degrees. Information and necessary blanks for the forming of Councils in Iowa can be obtained by addressing Henry W. Mordhurst, General Grand Recorder, Fort Wayne, Indiana. The disposition of the Cryptic Rituals belonging to the Grand Chapter of Iowa, now in the hands of the High Priests of Subordinate Chapters, will be a matter for future consideration.

Yours fraternally,
W. B. CLEVELAND.
Grand High Priest.

Attest:
ALF. WINGATE,
Grand Secretary.

COMMANDERIES.

We were much disappointed to miss (by a wreck blockade) the pleasure of attending the Malta full-form ceremonies at St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 5, 1898.

It was a pleasure to hear, while at Sioux City Nov. 28-9, of the remarkably good prospects in all branches of Masonry there. Short calls among the Fraters were all we could make. We broke bread with Grand Generalissimo Brownlee, whose appetite has lost none of its Templar Park vigor.

At Harlan the following Sir Knights bear office for 1899:

Chas. D. Booth—E. C.
A. V. Parker—G.
George Walters—C. G,
James W. Bailey—Prelate.
John Sandham—Treasurer.
L. M. Kerr—Recorder.
H. E. Swain—Senior W.
James Robinson—Junior W.

Malta Commandery, No. 31, Ottumwa, elected the following officers for 1899:

E. C.—W. T. Mollison.
Gen'l—R. L. Tilton.
C. G.—S. L. McGavic.
Prelate.—W. H. Fetzer.
S. W.—A. W. Enoch.
J. W.—W. H. Boston.
Treas.—W. R. Warren.
Rec.—D. A. Emery.

Officers elected at Anamosa for 1899:

E. C.—W. N. Dearborn.
Gen'l.—Jno. W. Waite.
C. G.—C. S. Millard.
Prel.—T. R. Ercanbrack.
Treas.—C. H. Lull.
Rec.—A. C. Comstock.
S. W.—Jno. Archibald.
J. W.—L. Schoonover

THE EASTERN STAR.

The Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Iowa for 1898 are out some time and are in the same line of beauty, as Grand Secretary Jackson knows how to get them up.

Mrs. McKinley, wife of Bro. William McKinley, President of the United States, is a member of the Order Eastern Star, one of the many branches of Masonry in the United States.—*Masonic Sun.*

It was our privilege to lecture for the Chapter at Ireton, Nov. 28th, on "Young America." W. M., Sister Selby deserves credit for her pluck in pushing the work to a successful issue; but she has good support.

The Chapter at Shenandoah is prosperous as we found on inquiry while there recently.

THE SCOTTISH RITE.

Des Moines Iowa Consistory, No. 3, has had a prosperous year's business. The reports show a fine balance over all expenses on hand.

The election of officers for Des Moines Consistory, No. 3, A. A. S. R., occurred Dec. 27th, and the following were chosen:

George Fairburn—Commander-in-Chief.
J. W. Russell—Prior.
Fletcher Howard—Preceptor.
E. D. Wiley—Chancellor.
F. C. Macartney—Orator.
D. E. Perkins, Almoner.
R. M. J. Coleman—Registrar.
J. G. Rounds—Treasurer.

The appointments of subordinate officers will be made later.

The bodies of the Rite at Clinton continue to show their old time prosperity and to hold the first place in membership in the state.

The disposition to increased applications for the degrees of this Rite is shown throughout the country generally, and that, too, without diminishing the growth of postulants in the Commanderies.

FRATERNITIES.

The editor of this journal is looking for information which will be used for the common good in this department Address, Drawer E, Marion Iowa.

The A. O. U. W. Monthly Magazine gives in its November number the portrait of Supreme Recorder Sackett, as well as the usual sumptuous feast of material.

The "Loyal Workman," Hon. R. L. Tilton editor, Ottumwa, Iowa, for December, is a veritable portrait gallery, and there is at least one handsome man's portrait among the lot. Which? Ask ma!

One well versed "old line" agent puts it finely when he says the best educator of life insurance subjects is the innumerable company of the fraternities.

At a special meeting of Home Lodge No. 370, A. F. & A. M., the following officers were installed lately by Past Grand Master C. T. Granger, assisted by Thos. D. Hastie, W. M., acting as grand marshal. The retiring master, Brother Frank F. Wood, who has held the office since 1895, was presented a past master's jewel: Ralph G. Orwig, W. M.; Alexander Fyffe, S. W.; Wm. G. Neafie, J. W.; Daniel R. Schmucker, treasurer; R. M. J. Coleman, secretary; Walter Barnes, S. D.; S. P. Doran, J. D.; John Conley, S. S.; J. A. Hoffman, J. S.; Adam Robinson, tyler; finance committee, Wm. Burzacott, John T. D. Fulmer, L. H. Cohen.

OUR DEAD.

We will consider it a favor if our readers will send us the names and date of deaths among the Masonic Family.—Editor.

Samuel C. Dunn, 32°, Muscatine, Ia., Jan. 5, 1899. The death of this well known Past Grand Treasurer of Iowa Grand Lodge, comes unexpectedly to a wide circle of acquaintances. He was a Noble of El-Riad Temple, N. M. S., Sioux Falls. So pass the men who were landmarks in our fair state.

Lodges must and should make Masons, but let it be done in a dignified, slow and thorough manner and in keeping with the high and solemn sentiment—that of building our spiritual temple.

BOOK TABLE.

From the pen of the Wise Master, M. W. Bro. Frederic Speed, comes a digest of the decisions of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. A valuable document.

Gil W. Barnard, Grand Recorder, etc., sends us the proceedings of Illinois Grand Commandery, Grand Chapter and Grand Council, 1898.

From Grand Secretary W. H. Wolihin, Macon, Ga., comes the 1898 Grand Lodge proceedings of his state.

We have the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Washington for 1898, for which we return thanks.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Colorado for 1898 are at hand, from the Grand Secretary; thanks.

We have from E. Sir B. W. Rowell, the proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, for which he has our thanks. Ben knows how to record anything.

OUR EXCHANGES.

We are sorry to receive the "death notice" of "The Masonic Record," whose untimely end came Oct. 1, 1898, after a brief life of six years, from "Ination, Faciles Descensus Averni." Too sad, Bro. Fisher, we wish it had been otherwise.

Some of our esteemed contemporaries have a rather severe idea of the courtesy due each other personally. At this time we wish only to call attention to the old sentence, "It is a long lane that has no turn."

GENERAL NOTES.

Our genial friend and brother, "Bob" French, of Nebraska, is one of our kind of people. He has our thanks for his kind regards. When we want a fighter we know where the Grand Lecturer and General Grand Mason lives.

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Iowa, Mason City, June 6, 1899.

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Grand Encampment, Louisville, Ky., Aug. 19, 1899.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 14, 1899.
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General Grand (U. S.,) 1901.
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Imperial Council, Buffalo, N. Y., June 4, 1899.
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Ben. W. Rowell.....Boston, Mass.....Recorder

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EDITORIAL NOTES

"The Afro-American" whales away at the attitude of the white Grand Lodges on the Washington question, and will no doubt see plenty more heads up ere the game is out.

This journal respectfully joins the "Orphan's Friend" in asking for the authority to make a Mason at sight, as Rev. Dr. (Bro ?) Hoge, of Richmond, Va., was *made*.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

THE EDITOR'S FEZ.

To do justice to the occasions upon which we were privileged to "be out with the boys" during last month, would take "lots of room." In St. Joseph and Kansas City, Mo., the 6th and 7th were two "warm evenings." At St. Joseph with these "Geigers" generally, and Noble (cousin) Dr. Charley in particular, it was easy to spend the day and a half to the full—while to begin naming over the list of dear friends would run away with space. On the 7th we are away to Kansas City – "for there's going to be a meeting in the good old town to-night" and our own Potentate is to meet us there. Well, Ararat, has Ethelbert F. Allen, Tom Morrow, and the new Potentate Havens, a trio of the best in Missouri! The whole time from start to finish was an ovasion. A time long to be remembered. At the magnificent banquet given at the Midland—they say five hundred were present—no matter how many, it was in all features a success. The menu, the toasts, and the post prandial treat was well worth our trip to our "next door neighbor's house." Long live Ararat. Health to our Imperial Potentate.

EL KAHIR'S ANNUAL.

Iowa's Temples are not slow, and the one in this city is right up on the 1500 line. December 21st was their annual meeting. The Danghters of Isis were there, 136 of them. The Imperial Potentate was there, and he's a thorough gentleman, a true Noble. The business was closed up with a balance in the treasury.

The following are the elected officers for the coming year:

E. I. Alderman, Marion, Potentate.

B. M. Cleveland, Waterloo, Chief Rabban.

W. N. Dearborn, Stone City, Assistant Rabban.

Wm. Flanagan, Cedar Rapids, High Priest.

A. L. Beardslee, Manchester, Oriental Guide.

James L. Bever, Cedar Rapids, Treasurer.

John Westley Geiger, Marion, Recorder.

Representatives to the Imperial Council: E. I. Alderman, Wm. Flanagan, F. O. Evans, Des Moines; N. B. Hyatt, Webster City.

The Temple will go to Buffalo, N. Y., next June with a solid excursion train.

About three hundred Nobles and Daughters took part in the banquet at Woodward Hall, served by Cedar Chapter 184 O. E. S. While the men were conducting the ceremonial session, the ladies attended the theatre at Greene's opera house.

El Kahir goes to Mason City Jan. 18; Des Moines Feb. 15, and to Estherville and Clinton later.

NOTES.

The sands are kept hot all over the Imperial domain at present.

"The order never was more prospereus than at the present time."—Imperial Potentate Allen.

Noble E. I. Alderman, Potentate of El Kahir Temple, was lately elected First Vice President of the National Firemen's Association.

It may be seemly to some of our exchanges to keep on prodding the Order as they do; but we doubt its expediency. The Nobility is beginning to take note of this exhibion of unkindness.

It seems passing strange that one masonic publication in particular, should keep cross-firing at the Order continuously, exposing imaginary misconduct on the part of Nobles present on certain occasions, yet with commendable zeal.

El Kahir Temple will go to Mason City January 18th, and Des Moines February 15th—with Estherville for March and Clinton for April or May. Both Temples in Iowa are making rapid strides to the front.

When an Arab woman intends marrying again after the death of her husband, she goes the night before the ceremony to pay a visit to his grave. There she kneels and prays him not to be offended, not to be jealous. As, however, she feels he will be offended or jealous, the widow brings with her a donkey laden with two goats' skins of water. The prayer ended, she proceeds to pour the water upon the grave to keep the first husband cool under the irritating circumstances about to take place, and having well saturated him, she then departs.—*Keystone.*

Our visit to St Joseph, Mo., was filled with delight from arrival to departure, the Geigers, Drs. C. G. and Jacob, attended to our temporal wants, and the charming wife of "Uncle Jake" made our visit luxurious. The Nobles of Moila attended the lecture given on Dec. 6, in goodly numbers. We salaam to the dear friends of St. Joseph.

At Kansas City, with our Pote, we were treated to every courtesy by Ararat. These Nobles know how so entertain. A good class of novices crossed; a frictionless election of officers, and a number of novel features in the work. Imperial Potentate Allen was in evidence, and has our combined thanks for his kind attentions. So for all K. C. Nobles. The wee sma' hours witnessed the dignified ending of the finest banquet we ever attened south of Iowa. Aleikum Ararat.

A DAUGHTER OF ISIS' POEM.

We vowed we never *would* cross the hot sands,
For crossing the sands causeth sorrow;
Let us repeat, they are hot to the feet,
Although cold in the pocket to-morrow.

Often we've wished to hang on to the rope
Somewhere besides on the street railways;
But they cut out the ropes destroying our hopes,
With a wisdom *not ancient* in *this* case.

Thanks to the Knights of the Clan and the Fez,
We have passed through the terrible crisis,
And would rather dare sand, though so hot it would brand,
Than not to be a daughter of Isis.

We greet thee as *true* daughters; O, Isis,
Thou whose name is older than history;
May our ages like thine, through limitless time,
Remain quite as much of mystery.

MRS. R. J. WOOLLETT.

THE GREAT HALL AT KARNAK.

How often has it been written, and how often must it be repeated, that the Great Hall at Karnak is the noblest architectural work ever designed and executed by human hands? One writer tells us that it covers four times the area occupied by the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris. Another measures it against St. Peter's. All admit their inability to describe it, yet all attempt the description. To convey a concrete image of the place to one who has not seen it is, however, as I have already said, impossible. If it could be likened to this place or that, the task would not be so difficult, but there is, in truth, no building in the

wide world to compare with it. The Pyramids are more stupendous. The Colossus covers more ground. The Parthenon is more beautiful. Yet in nobility of conception, in vastness of detail, in majesty of the highest order, the Hall of Pillars exceeds them every one. This door-way, these columns, are the wonder of the world. How was that huge stone raised? How were these capitals lifted? Entering among these mighty pillars, says a recent observer, "you feel that you have shrunk to the dimensions and feebleness of a fly." But I think you feel more than that. You are stupefied by the thought of the mighty men who made them. You say to yourself:—"There were indeed giants in those days." And now, would it not be strange if we knew the name and history of the architect who superintended the building of this wondrous Hall, and planned the huge door-way by which it was entered, and the mighty pillars which lie shattered on either side? Would it not be interesting to look upon his portrait, and see the manner of man he was? Well, the Egyptian room in the Glyptothek Museum in Munich contains a statue found some seventy years ago at Thebes, which almost certainly represents that man, and inscribed with his history. His name was Bak-en--Khousa (servant of Khousa). He sits upon the ground, beaded and robed, in an attitude of meditation. That he was a man of unusual ability is shown by the inscriptions engraved upon the back of the statue. These inscriptions record his promotion, step by step, to the highest grade of the Hierarchy. Having attained the High Priest and First Prophet of Amen during the reign of Seti I, he became chief architect of the Thebaid under Rameses II, and received a royal commission to superintend the embellishment of the Temples. When Rameses II "erected a monument to his Divine Father, Amen Ra," the building thereof was executed under the direction of Bak-en-Khousa. Here the inscription goes on to say that "he made the sacred edifice of the upper gate of the abode of Amen. He erected obelisks of granite. He made golden flagstaffs. He added very, very great colonnades."

A. B. EDWARDS.

EGYPTIAN WORSHIP.

The ceremonial of Egyptian worship was essentially processional. Herein we have the central idea of every Temple, and the key to its construction. It was bound to contain store chambers in which were kept vestments, instuments, divine emblems, and the like; laboratories for the preparation of perfumes and nugents; treasuries for the safe custody of holy vessels and precious offerings; chambers for the reception and purification of tribute in kind; halls for the assembling and marshaling of priests and functionaries; and for processional purposes, corridors, staircases, courtyards, cloisters, and vast enclosures planted with avenues of trees and surrounded by walls which hedged in with invaluable secrecy the solemn rites of the priesthood.

In this plan, it will be seen, there is no provisions made for anything in the form of public worship; but then an Egyptian Temple was not a place for public worship. It was a treasure-house, a sacristy, a royal oratory, a place of preparation, of consecration, of sacerdotal privacy. There, in costly shrines, dwelt the divine images. There they were robed and unrobed; perfumed with incense; visited and worshiped by the king. On certain days of the kalendar, as on the occasion of the festival of the New Year, or the panegyrics of the local gods, these images were brought out, paraded along the corridors of the temples, carried round the roof, and borne with waving of banners, and chanting of hymns and burning of incense through the sacred groves of the enclosure. Probably none were admitted to these ceremonies save persons of royal or priestly birth. To the rest of the community, all that took place within these massy walls was enveloped in mystery. It may be questioned, indeed, whether the great mass of the people had any kind of personal religion. They may not have been rigidly excluded from the temple precincts, but they seem to have been allowed no participation in the worship of the gods. If now and then, on high festival days, they beheld the sacred bark of the deity carried in the procession round the temenos, or caught a glimpse of moving figures and glittering ensigns in the pillared dusk of the Hypostyle Hall, it was all they ever beheld of the solemn services of their church.

AMELIA B. EDWARDS.

There are 415 Masonic lodges in Germany with a membership of 45,669. There are eight grand and five independent lodges.

A PROFESSION OF FAITH.

The Freemason, Los Angeles, California, publishes the following letter, the original of which is in possession of brother E. L. Louis, W. M., of San Diego Lodge, No. 35. It was written in reply to an inquiry from an agnostic as to what belief he would be required to possess before he could be made a Mason.

WASHINGTON, 19th Feb., 1882.

"DEAR SIR:—You would have to declare to become a Mason, that you place your trust in God, and to kneel and unite in prayer to God. Whether this is to profess a belief in a personal God you can judge for yourself. There is no more in the Blue Lodge of Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and Master Masons. There is really no more in Royal Arch Masonry or in Templarism. In the Scottish Rite a profession of belief is required in a personal God, a Protecting Providence, wise, benificent, whose laws are not the dictates of an arbitrary will, but the expression of an infinite wisdom—a God to whom it is not folly to pray, whose varied action the forces of nature are, and to put our trust in whom is not irrational.

"I do not know with certainty what you mean by a 'personal God.' We do not require belief in a God having form and shape but only in one Supreme intelligence, having unity of will, the source and origin of all that is. It is the unity of this Supreme Being, His or Its Will, Wisdom or Providence that I call personality. I should rather conceive of God as an All-Pervading spirit—Soul of the Universe—of whose intellect that of every man is a ray or spark that lives its distinct life.

Very truly yours,
"ALBERT PIKE."
—*Masonic Tidings.*

In England now it is as common to have "ladies" nights at Masonic Lodges as it is in this country to have public installations of officers, accompanied by musical and literary entertainments.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky is contemplating the adoption of a law requiring an examination of candidates in the degrees before advancing. This, we think, is just as it should be,

The Masons of Washington will soon begin the erection of a temple to cost $500,000 The structure will occupy 15,000 square feet of land in the business portion of the city.

Richmond, Virginia, boasts of having the oldest Masonic hall in the United States. The corner-stone of this old hall was laid October 29, 1785, but the building was not completed for several years thereafter. Patriots, warriors, statesmen and philanthropists have done honor to this place. It is now occupied by Richmond Randolph Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana has followed the example of New York, Kentucky, Arkansas and Texas in severing fraternal relatious with the Grand Lodge of Washington.

Ohio consistory now has nearly 13,000 members. With such a membership there ought to be three swarmings and three new consistories in the state.

The day which in its siguificance was well nigh supreme in the life of Robert Burns, the poet, was July 4, 1781. Upon this date he was made a Freemason.

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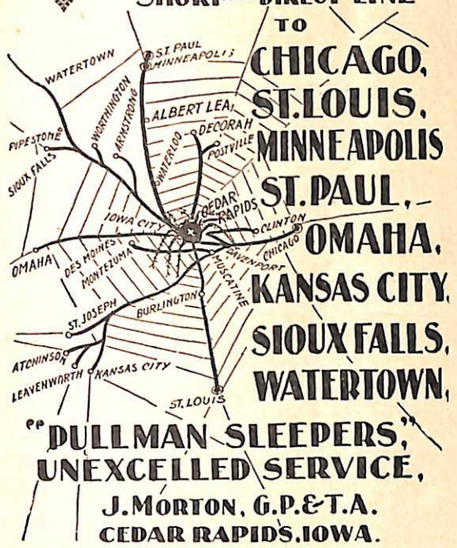

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